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- 1. SENEGAL INSISTENCE ON TWO ROUTES TO US RAISES MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR U.S. INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY. WHILE IT MAY BE TRUE THAT AIR AFRIQUE IS UNLIKELY OPERATE SERVICE TO MIAMI VIA MARTINIQUE, OR THAT IF IT DOES ECONOMIC IMPACT ON U.S. AIRLINES WOULD BE SMALL, FACT REMAINS THAT IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO JUSTIFY GRANTING AIR AFRIQUE RIGHTS TO SERVE TWO U.S. POINTS (NEW YORK AND MIAMI) WHEN WE HAVE REFUSED DO SO FOR OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, NOT TO MENTION (FOR EXAMPLE) ISRAEL AND BELGIUM.
- 2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT A FLAT NO IS LIKELY RISK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENEGAL SUSPENDING PAN AM SERVICES. INSTEAD, USDEL SHOULD

NOTE THAT SENEGALESE REQUEST FOR MIAMI ROUTE IS A NEW QUESTION WHICH U.S. AGENCIES HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED AND WHICH CANNOT BE FULLY ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS IT PRESENTS FOR U.S. USG PREPARED GIVE REQUEST MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND PROPOSES RESUMPTION TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER.

3. IF SENEGAL DELEGATION REFUSES ACCEPT THIS APPROACH AND THREATENS TERMINATE PAN AM SERVICES, USDEL SHOULD SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BUT DEPARTMENT NOT SANGUINE THAT AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT MIAMI ROUTE CAN BE OBTAINED. ROBINSON

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